

## Hobbies

# Special coins pocketed by U.S. House

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**T**he U.S. Senate has approved legislation calling for two more commemorative coin programs, but the proposals may get sidetracked in the U.S. House.

One of the bills authorizes special coins honoring the World University Games in Buffalo, N.Y., this summer and the other, the 250th anniversary this year of Thomas Jefferson's birth.

A House subcommittee that considers coinage legislation has yet to schedule hearings on either bill, a committee spokesperson said recently. Any delay probably will prove fatal to both proposals because of the timing of the events. The Mint already is slated to produce three coin types to mark the 1994 World Cup soccer games, three in 1995 to raise money for the preservation of Civil War battlefields and a record 16 for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.



Uncle Sam will produce "test strikes" of possible dollar coins even though legislation calling for such coinage has made little progress in Congress.

Mint officials want to evaluate various coin sizes and metal compositions should Congress authorize a new dollar coin, according to a report in *Coin World*. A mint spokesperson had no comment on the test strikes but said the *Coin World* report was accurate.

A Federal Reserve study concluded that Uncle Sam would save nearly \$400 million a year if a coin replaces the \$1 bill.

## Book Reviews in Tempo

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